



BOOKS WITH A "WATER" THEME

READING LEVEL GRADES PRESCHOOL TO 3RD GRADE

These are only suggestions that relate to our theme. You may read whatever you want to count for reading minutes.

FORMAT GUIDE:

RC = Recorded Cassette

DB = Digital Book Cartridge

LP = Large Print Book

BR = Braille Book

DB (BARD) = Audio Book available download from the NLS Download Site at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov>. Book titles can be downloaded to a VictorStream Reader or to a blank digital cartridge that you may purchase.

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 2

LP 7463

CURIOUS GEORGE GOES TO THE AQUARIUM

by H.A. Rey.

Curious George jumps in with the seals during his visit to the aquarium and becomes the star attraction.

BR 6146

FLASH, CRASH, RUMBLE, AND ROLL

by Franklyn Branley. (Print/Braille)

Describes thunder and lightning and the relationship between them. Also give safety tips to follow when lightning is flashing.

RC 54752

HARRY BY THE SEA by Gene Zion.

BR 14292

Harry, a friendly little dog on a visit to the seashore, is mistaken for a sea serpent when a big wave covers him with seaweed.

BR 15034

HOW I BECAME A PIRATE by Melinda Long. (Print/Braille)

Jeremy is building a sand castle when a pirate ship arrives. He's invited to join the crew, but while he enjoys their adventurous life, he manages to get home in time for soccer practice. Font size may be suitable for some Large Print readers.

- BR 17020 **MOVE OVER, ROVER!** by Karen Beaumont. (Print/Braille)
When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself, but finds that various other animals, include a skunk, come to join him.
- RC 63330 **MR. GUMPY'S OUTING** by John Burningham. (Print/Braille)
DB (BARD) Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the
BR 16044 inevitable occurs.
- RC 35303 **NESSA'S FISH** by Nancy Luenn.
Nessa's ingenuity and bravery save from animal poachers the fish she and her grandmother caught to feed everyone in their Eskimo camp.
- BR 16020 **POLAR BEAR NIGHT** by Lauren Thompson. (Print/Braille)
A polar bear cub leaves the warm den to explore the night and watch a star shower, but then returns to snuggle against his warm mother.
- BR 8974 **THE RAINBOW FISH** by Marcus Pfister. (Print/Braille)
The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.
- BR 17013 **SNIP SNAP! WHAT'S THAT?** by Mara Bergman.
Three siblings are frightened by the wide mouth, long teeth, and strong jaws of the alligator that has crept up the stairs--until they decide they have had enough. (Print/Braille)
- RC 40498 **SPLISH SPLASH** by Joan Bransfield Graham.
A collection of fun, brightly illustrated, concrete poems about water in its various forms, from ice cubes to the ocean.
- BR 16040 **10 LITTLE RUBBER DUCKS** by Eric Carle. (Print/Braille)
When a storm strikes a cargo ship, ten rubber ducks are tossed overboard and swept off in ten different directions. Based on a factual incident.
- BR 16005 **TRACKS IN THE SNOW** by Wong Herbert Yee. (Print/Braille)
A little girl goes outside in winter to follow markings in the snow, trying to discover who or what made them.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE

- RC 22442 **ALL WET! ALL WET!** by James Skofield.
A small boy experiences, along with the animals of meadow and forest, the sights, smells, and sounds of a rainy summer day.
- RC 32631 **BRINGING THE RAIN TO KAPITI PLAIN: A NANDI TALE**
DB (BARD) by Verna Aardema.
A rhyming African folktale about the year Kapiti Plain suffered a terrible drought until a herdsman found a way to bring the rain.
- RC 62762 **CLOUDS** by Marion Dane Bauer.
DB (BARD) Describes stratus, cumulus, and cirrus clouds and provides some unusual facts about them.
- RC 50751 **CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS**
BRU 7155 by Judi Barrett. (Print/Braille)
Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.
- RC 66533 **DARK DAY IN THE DEEP SEA** by Mary Pope Osborne.
BR 17741 When Jack and Annie join a group of 19th-century explorers aboard
DB (BARD) the H.M.S. Challenger, they learn about the ocean, solve the mystery of its fabled sea monster, and gain compassion for their fellow creatures.
- RC 42655 **DO PIRATES TAKE BATHS?** by Kathy Tucker.
Humorous rhyming answers to eleven questions about the life of a pirate.
- RC 47694 **DOWN COMES THE RAIN** by Franklin M. Branley.
Branley consistently produces simple, effective explanations of scientific concepts for kids. This nicely illustrated, inviting book introduces the water cycle and offers simple, hands-on activities to try.
- BR 17016 **A DROP OF WATER** by Gordon Morrison. (Print/Braille)
Follow water's journey from rain through mountain brook, waterfall, bog, river, swamp, and stream, nourishing plants and animals along the way.

- BR 8964 **FISHING AT LONG POND** by William T. George. (Print/Braille)
While fishing for bass, Katie and her grandfather observe a deer, an osprey, a goose, and other pond visitors.
- BR 14032 **A GIFT FROM THE SEA** by Kate Banks. (Print/Braille)
Unaware of its eons-old history, a boy finds a rock and takes it home to a shelf beside his sea glass and starfish.
- BR 12021 **THE GOLDEN FLOWER: A MYTH FROM PUERTO RICO**
by Nina Jaffe. (Print/Braille)
This pourquoi story explains how water came into our world and how Puerto Rica came to be.
- RC 41079
DB (BARD) **HENRY THE SAILOR CAT** by Mary Calhoun.
Henry's people are surprised to find that their cat has stowed away on their sailboat, but he proves his worth as a sailor during a sudden storm.
- RC 33083
BRA19077 **HURRICANE** by David Wiesner. (Print/Braille)
For David and George the night of the hurricane is exciting and a little scary. The next day, a nearby fallen elm inspires imaginative play.
- RC 42616 **HURRICANE MUSIC** by Barbara Bottner.
Aunt Margaret finds a clarinet and has fun playing in the closet, in the park, in the train station, and in a parade, until Hurricane Gladys blows the clarinet away.
- BR 17015 **ICE BEAR** by Nicola Davies. (Print/Braille)
Describes how polar bears thrive in the frozen Arctic, and the lessons the Inuit people have learned by watching them.
- RC 24651 **KING BIDGOOD'S IN THE BATHTUB** by Audrey Wood.
Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom. Caldecott Honor book.
- RC 60886
DB (BARD) **KUMAK'S FISH: A TALL TALE FROM THE FAR NORTH**
by Michael Bania.
On a beautiful Arctic morning when Kumak and his family go ice fishing, Kumak hooks what seems like an enormous fish, and the entire village gets involved.

- RC 62663
DB (BARD) **OWEN AND MZEE** by Isabella Hatkoff.
The story of the orphaned baby hippo named Owen and the 130-year-old giant turtle, Mzee, who became friends after the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004.
- RC 65106
DB (BARD) **OWEN AND MZEE** by Isabella Hatkoff.
Continues the story of the unusual friendship between Owen, a young orphaned hippo, and Mzee, a 130-year old Aldabra tortoise.
- BR 13082 **PEG AND THE WHALE** by Ken Oppel. (Print/Braille)
Nearly 7-years-old, Peg has caught almost every kind of fish. She signs on to a whaling ship with the goal of catching a whale--even though her father points out that it's a mammal.
- BR 15963 **PENGUINS SWIM BUT DON'T GET WET: AND OTHER AMAZING FACTS ABOUT POLAR ANIMALS**
by Melvin Berger.
Provides interesting facts about animals that live in the Arctic or Antarctic, including polar bears, reindeer, wolves, whales, seals, walruses, birds, and penguins.
- RC 52357
DB (BARD)
BR 14107 **PIRATES PAST NOON** by Mary Pope Osborne.
Annie and her brother Jack are transported to the days of deserted islands, secret maps, hidden treasure, and nasty pirates.
- RC 28430 **RAINY DAY: STORIES AND POEMS** by Caroline Feller Bauer.
A collection of stories and poems all about rain by a number of well-known authors.
- BR 8919 **THE ROCK POOL** by David Bellamy. (Print/Braille)
The rock pool at the beach is teeming with life among the various seaweeds until an oil spill at sea destroys the life forms there.
- BR 12032 **SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY** by Jacqueline Briggs Martin.
Offers a dreamy and lyrical, yet informative, version of Bentley's lifelong love affair with snow. Caldecott Medal book. (Print/Braille)
- BR 5424
RC 19777 **STORMS** by Ray Broekel.
Describes the weather conditions that produce storms and the damage that can be done by rain, snow, wind, dust, ice, thunder, lightning, and hail.

- RC 58226
BR 15397
DB (BARD) **SUMMER OF THE SEA SERPENT** by Mary Pope Osborne.
Jack and Annie travel in their magic tree house to the land of the mystical selkies to seek a magical sword for Merlin.
- BR 11004 **SWIMMY** by Leo Lionni. (Print/Braille)
A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.
- BR 16049 **TERRIFIC** by Jon Agee. (Print/Braille)
“Terrific,” says Eugene when he wins an all-expenses-paid cruise to Bermuda. “I’ll probably get a really nasty sunburn.” But Eugene’s luck is much worse than that. His ship sinks and he ends up stranded on a tiny island.
- RC 40409
BR 5624 **TIME OF WONDER** by Robert McCloskey. (Print/ Braille)
Two children spending their summer on an island off the coast of Maine experience a hurricane. Caldecott Medal.
- RC 32331 **WATER: WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT DOES** by Judith Seixas.
Describes the properties, forms, power, and usage of Earth’s water, all of which is billions of years old. Includes a discussion of water pollution and water shortages, as well as five experiments.
- RC 44692 **WHY THE SUN AND MOON LIVE IN THE SKY**
by Elphinstone Dayrell.
A Nigerian pourquoi story about how a visit from Ocean caused Sun and Moon to move to the sky. Caldecott Honor.
- BR 5602 **WONDERS OF THE SEA** by Louis Sabin. (Print/Braille)
Describes how the plants and animals interact in the underwater world of the ocean.